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REMARKS

Restriction

Applicant affirms the election without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 7-18. Claims 1-6 are withdrawn.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because it is more than 150 words in length. It has been corrected to be in narrative form and to delete the legal phraseology. The length has been shortened to under 150 words.

Claim Objections

Claims 9 and 15 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 9 and 15 were canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 7-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by US Patent Publication 2004/0163748 A1. Claims 7, 9 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ueyoko et al (6,116,311). These rejections are respectfully traversed for the following reasons. Independent claim 7 has been amended to recite that the zigzag belt structure has cords inclined at 5 to 30 degrees relative to the centerplane of the tire extending in alternation to turnaround points at each lateral edge, wherein in the crown portion of the tire the zigzag belt structure has two layers of cords, and in the shoulder portion of the tire there are four layers of cords. As neither the US Patent Publication reference nor the Ueyoko reference fails to anticipate the invention as recited, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

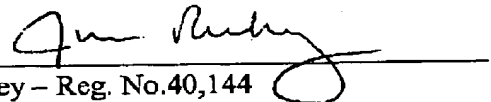
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Claims 7-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by de Loze de Plaisance et al. (6,125,900) cited by Applicants taken with Oswald (4,838,966). Claims 7-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over de Loze de Plaisance et al (6,125,900) cited by Applicants taken with Oswald (4,838,966), and in view of Ueyoko et al. (6,116,311). Claims 8, 10, 11 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueyoko et al (6,116,311) in view of de Loze de Plaisance et al. (6,125,900) cited by Applicants. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons. Independent claim 7 has been amended to recite that the zigzag belt structure has cords inclined at 5 to 30 degrees relative to the centerplane of the tire extending in alternation to turnaround points at each lateral edge, wherein in the crown portion of the tire the zigzag belt structure has two layers of cords, and in the shoulder portion of the tire there are four layers of cords. As none of the cited references alone or in combination suggest these structural limitations, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

In light of this amendment, all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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